

REMARKS

Claims 40-76 are pending in the present application. No amendments to the claims have been made herein.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between Groups I, II and III as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response to this requirement, applicants elect Group I, namely, claims 40-54 and 60-74 which are drawn to a method of forming a bioactive coating, with traverse. It is submitted that it would not constitute an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all three groups.

The Examiner is requested, at a minimum, to consider claims 55-59 of Group II for rejoinder when the claims of Group I are allowed as claims 55-59 of Group II are dependent upon the claims of Group I.

In reviewing the Office Action, it does not appear that a requirement for election of species has been made

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr., Registration No. 28,977, at the telephone number below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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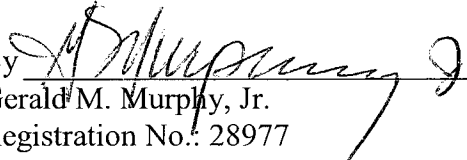
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If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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